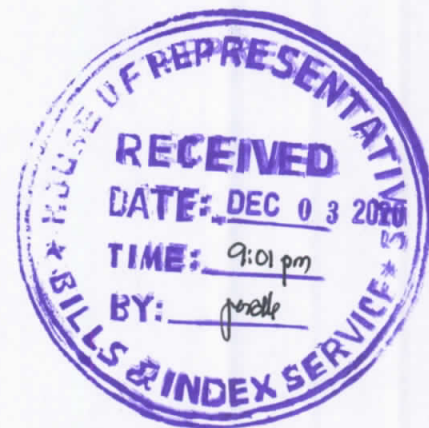


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Republic of the Philippines  
**HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**  
Quezon City

**EIGHTEENTH CONGRESS**  
Second Regular Session

**HOUSE RESOLUTION No. 1400**



Introduced by

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**CARLOS ISAGANI T. ZARATE** and **FERDINAND R. GAITE**,  
**GABRIELA Women's Party** Representative **ARLENE D. BROSAS**,  
**ACT TEACHERS Party-List** Representative **FRANCE L. CASTRO**,  
and **KABATAAN Party-List** Representative **SARAH JANE I. ELAGO**

**RESOLUTION**

**URGING THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, THROUGH THE COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RIGHTS, TO INVESTIGATE, IN AID OF LEGISLATION, THE ILLEGAL SEARCH AND HARASSMENT AGAINST PEASANT LEADER ISABELO "BUTING" ADVIENTO IN BRGY. CARUPIAN, BAGGAO, CAGAYAN PROVINCE**

**WHEREAS**, peasant organization Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas (KMP) reported that on December 2, 2020, at midnight, around 100 armed soldiers arrived at the residence of peasant leader Isabelo "Buting" Adviento in Brgy, Carupian, Baggao, Cagayan Province. At around 3:30 AM. the soldiers reportedly destroyed the gate of Adviento's residence, forcible entered the premises and ordered everyone inside the house to come out. Adviento's wife Lina, reportedly saw the soldiers place two (2) bags beside a chair in the living room and saw that it contained guns, grenades, and bullets. It was only at around 6 AM that elements of the Philippine National Police (PNP) – Baggao arrived at the area with a search warrant. Police also arrested Richard Dagohoy, a member of the Baggao Farmers Association. He was released after a few hours. The homes of other peasant leaders in the area were also searched. The CCTV near Adviento's residence was tampered and its SD card was taken;

**WHEREAS**, Adviento is the leader of Danggayán Dagiti Mannalon ti Cagayan Valley, the regional chapter of KMP. He is also the regional coordinator of Anakpawis Partylist. Just before his arrest, Adviento had been arranging relief missions all over Cagayan province for farmers heavily affected by the recent typhoons which flooded crops and devastated homes. As a long-time peasant leader Adviento has been the victim of repeated red-tagging by armed state forces. Danggayán Cagayan also reported that throughout the pandemic, fliers, posters, and streamers were placed along Maharlika highway red-tagging and vilifying legitimate farmers' organizations;

**WHEREAS**, the illegal search of Adviento's residence and the arrest of Dagohoy were made only hours after a senate hearing on red-tagging where Adviento's organization, the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas, along with other organizations, was accused of being a front organization

1 of the Communist Party of the Philippines by the National Task Force to End Local Armed  
2 Conflict (NTF-ELCAC);

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4 **WHEREAS**, attacks against farmers and land defenders have intensified since the issuance of  
5 Executive Order 70 in 2018 establishing the National Task Force to End Local Communist Armed  
6 Conflict (NTF-ELCAC). The task force has been notorious for terror-tagging farmers, indigenous  
7 people, and activists from different sectors to justify harassment, illegal arrests, and even extra-  
8 judicial killings. According to rights group Karapatan, from July 2016 to August 2020, there have  
9 been at least 264 peasant victims of extrajudicial killings and at least 973 illegal arrests and detention  
10 against farmers and other sectors;

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12 **WHEREAS**, it is imperative for members of Congress, as representatives of our people, to defend  
13 the rights of our people and check on excesses and violations committed against them, especially  
14 in this time of crisis. Laws and rules should serve the interest of our people, and should not be  
15 weaponized to suppress their rights and oppress them;

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17 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AS IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the  
18 House of Representatives conduct an investigation, in aid of legislation, on the illegal search and  
19 harassment against peasant leader Isabelo "Buting" Adviento in Brgy. Carupian, Baggao, Cagayan  
20 province.

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